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Applicants : Donald Mickle et al.
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Confirmation Number : 7723
Examiner : Vera Afremova
Art Unit : 1651
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For : MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL
TRANSPLANTATION INTO DAMAGED
MYOCARDIUM

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JUNE 13, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicants petition herewith to extend the time for response for three months, up to and including December 13, 2003. Authorization is hereby given to charge payment of the required fee to Deposit Account 07-1074. With the extension of time, this response is due December 13, 2003. However, because December 13, 2003 fell on a Saturday, a response filed today, December 15, 2003, is considered to be filed timely.

An amendment to the claims and claim listing begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.